(6) Yes.

(7) information is not available.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know whether there is any particular reason for not sanctioning this road?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—There is no particular reason except one of funds.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to provide for it next year?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Thematter will be considered.

Sale of forest growth.

653. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government has ordered that the forest growth standing in the excluded area sold in auction should be removed within a certain date ;

(b) if so, whether they have received petitions from the purchasers who are adjacent land-owners that they should be exempted from the order since they are adjacent land-owners and the area is to be assigned to them ;

(c) what action have the Government taken regarding the petitions ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The petitions are under consideration.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I have to say one word about this question before asking the supplementary questions. There are many people for bidding in auction the forest growth simply because that place lies adjoining to their places. Now, the Forest Department wants to remove the forest growth. In a few days the same places will be assigned to the same people. The object of the auction will be defeated if they are asked to remove the forest growth. I want to know whether the order will be enforced before the consideration of these objections is disposed of.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—It must be then only that the place will be assigned to them.

President.—It has not been assigned as yet. It is likely to be assigned to them.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—We won't enforce. I must know that before.

President.—That is, what time?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Before the expiry of the period for the *kychit* for removal

President.—Whether you are likely to get the removal before?

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are orders that the growth is to be removed before the 31st of Medam.

President.—If you succeed in obtaining the assignment and if you only meet him before the 31st of Medam, it is all right. The information is to be given before the 31st of Medam.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Lands will be assigned to them. I won't enforce.

President.—If you inform him before the 31st of Medam that the assignment may be delayed, that instead of removing the forest growth in Medam it may be done in Edavam or Mithunam and that they lose this advantage of preserving the forest growth for their future use, it is all right.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I must know that it is likely to be assigned. They must approach the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—They have already approached the Diwan Peishkar and sent petitions that the lands are to be assigned to them.

President.—Probably he is considering the question. The proper way is to approach the Conservator with a request that 'I have applied for the assignment, please do not insist upon the removal of the forest growth.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—That is all what we want.

President.— You have to move the Conservator of Forests.

Government Servants working as Directors of Companies.

654. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Directors (Government officials and non-officials) of the Electric Co., Ltd., Cochin ;

(b) whether the Government have refused sanction to any Government Servant to be a Director of any Limited Company during the last two years ; if so, the names with reasons;

(c) whether the officer who is authorised to grant licenses is also one of the Directors of the Electric Co., Ltd., if so, the name of the officer?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a)

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2 Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.
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(b) Yes. From the information so far collected it is seen that only one person viz., K. Kunjunni Marar, Head clerk of the Senior Inspector of Schools, has been refused sanction for

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